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CLAIMS

1. A device for directing the operation of a user's personal communication apparatus, comprising an RF tag located in a decorative casing of a size to facilitate handling by the user, wherein the RF tag stores a code to direct

5   the operation of a user's personal communication apparatus.

2. A device as in Claim 1, and further including means for providing user feedback under selected conditions.

10   3. A device for directing the operation of a user's personal communication apparatus comprising an RF tag embedded in a gewgaw.

4. A device as in any of.Claims 1 to 3, further comprising switch means by which the device can be switched between an inactive mode to an active

15   mode in which it can be read.

5. A system comprising a device comprising an RF tag inside a casing, and a user's personal communication apparatus having an RF tag reader which is operable upon reading the RF tag to perform an operation associated

20   with said RF tag.

6. A system as in Claim 5, wherein matching the RF tag with the said operation is performed locally in the user's personal communication apparatus.

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7. A system as in Claim 6, wherein said operation is to enable and/or disable local functions of the user's personal communication apparatus.

8. A system as in Claim 7, wherein said operation is to lock and/or unlock a
5   secrecy mode for information in the user's personal communication apparatus.

9. A system as in Claim 5 or 6, further comprising a remote server containing a database mapping codes stored on RF tags with
10   predetermined operations, wherein matching an action code of the RF tag with said associated operation is performed in a remote server.

10. A system as in Claim 9, further comprising means, on matching the code of the code of the RF tag of the device with a predetermined
15   operation, to download to the user's personal communication apparatus instructions to perform said associated operation.

11. A system as in Claim 10, wherein the code of the RF tag comprises an action code and a key part, and the predetermined operations
20   corresponding to said matched action code can be decrypted by the key part.

12. A system as in any of Claim 5 to 11, wherein the user's personal
25   communication apparatus includes a docking means into which the device can be docked.

13. A system as in Claim 12, wherein reading of the RF tag can take place only when the device is docked into the docking means.

14. A system as in Claim 12 or 13, wherein reading of the RF tag can take
5   place only when the device is docked into the docking means and further
pressure is applied to the casing by the user.

15. A system as in any of Claims 12 to 14, wherein the user's personal
communication apparatus includes a docking means into which a plurality
10   of devices can be docked and read simultaneously.

16. A system as in Claim 15, wherein the operation requested by said
plurality of docked devices is dependent on the combination thereof.

15   17. A system as in any of Claims 12 to 16, wherein the device further
comprises means for providing user feedback under selected conditions,
and the user's personal communication apparatus comprises a power
supply means to supply power to said feedback means, when the device is
docked.

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18. A set of devices for directing the operation of a user's personal
apparatus, each comprising an RF tag embedded in a decorative casing, the
appearance of each casing being differentiatable from others in the set.

25   19. A method of directing the operation of the user's personal
communication apparatus by

the user requesting a desired operation by performing an interaction with the user's personal communication apparatus which generates an action code from external of the user's personal communication apparatus;

5   automatically routing an action-request message, including an action code field which is the same as or derived from said action code to a server; and

the server performing instructions to further the performance of the desired operation.

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